


My name is Patricia Huff and I am the Owner & Director of Guardian Angels HomeCare. Our work interacts on a daily basis with the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders. The State is seeing Public Act # 09-5, Section 66, for us in home care services we see the white haired faces of those people affected – these are elderly women and men, in their 80's, most are living only on Social Security, often in public housing & most barely making ends meet. Additionally most all have some sort of disability to contend with. They often have a mental illness, dementia, or alzheimer's along with a mobility or significant health problem. They have canes or walkers and many are in wheelchairs. They are the least able to do for themselves of our State's population and they rely on this Program for necessary home care services. They are also unable to mobilize to be before you today to tell you of their needs and are relying on us here today to tell their story for them and ask for your help.

Most all Program receiptients were once contributors to our society by working in our factories, in construction or in our shops to earn a living and were tax paying citizens of our State. They are now living on a low income, usually living alone, are disabled and someone whose safety is vulnerable without some help, oversight or care. Despite their need many have been forced to give up essential home care services because they cannot afford their required financial contribution to this Program. As a citizen of this state I find that turning away from them at this time in their life, frankly an unacceptable option.

In Summary, I am asking on behalf of these elderly clients that the legislature revisit this act and rescind it.


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